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Examination Report under Section 18(3)

Plurality of invention

1. Your claims define a number of separate inventions not forming a single inventive concept, however due to the lack of conciseness no attempt is being made to determine how many inventions there actually are. This report therefore relates only to claims 1-49.
2. You will need to amend your claims, so that they relate to only one invention or inventive concept. You will also need to make consequential amendments to the description. You may wish to consider filing divisional applications. Any such applications should normally be filed no later than 3 months before the expiry of the period for putting the present application in order.

Scope of search

3. In accordance with Section 17(6), only the first of these inventions has been searched. The other inventions can be searched if you wish. In this case you will have to file a further Form 9A/77 for each of the additional inventions to be searched.

What this report covers

4. I have not been able to consider the novelty or obviousness of the unsearched inventions.

Novelty

5. The invention as defined in claims 1 at least is not new because it has already been disclosed in each of the following documents:

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6. No amendment of your claims will be needed in respect of the above documents marked if you can show that the priority date of your invention is not later than the priority date of the relevant disclosure in the documents.
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7. Document '795 would appear to represent a complete anticipation of the claims. The other two documents show apparatus for plastically expanding tubulars where cutting devices are present.

Conciseness and clarity

8. The claims fail to meet the requirements of Section 14.5.b of the Act with regard to the number of independent claims.

9. The statements of invention under "Summary of the invention" and from paragraph 00337 onwards need to be brought into agreement with the claims

10. There are a number of application numbers missing from pages 10, 55 and 94.
